

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: Application of: Hiroyuki ABURATANI et al.
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For: **GENE OVEREXPRESSED IN CANCER**
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND
RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed July 2, 2009, please reconsider the above-referenced patent application, based on the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.